

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Application of:**

**FLEISCHHAUER, Holger, et al.**

**Serial No.: 10/520,024**

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**METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE  
LOADING CAPACITY OF TOBACCO**

**Docket No. 35717**

**Confirmation No.: 6974**

**Group Art Unit No. 1791**

**Customer No.: 23589**

**Examiner: NGUYEN, Phu Hoang**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action of November 1, 2008, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.